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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

12 March 1973

Dr. John W. Townsend, Jr.
Associate Administrator
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Dear Dr. Townsend:

1. This is to advise you of the action taken on your 30 January 1973 letter requesting that a formal special access billet structure be established for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and certain related activities in the Bureau of Census.

2. The Director of Central Intelligence has approved, as an initial NOAA billet structure, a total of 58 T-KH billets--to encompass the 36 positions whose incumbents are already cleared, together with the 22 positions for which you indicated clearance requests were pending for the purposes described in your letter. Access clearance for the incumbents of the latter positions is therefore authorized, subject to your identification of these individuals and verification of the required personal background information. [REDACTED] (code 143, extension 7293), my security advisor, will be available for consultation with you or your designated Control Officer in connection with requirements for personnel security clearance actions.

3. Billet authorizations apply to identified positions whose incumbents have duties and responsibilities requiring access to T-KH materials. Each billet is assigned to a particular position for as long as personnel in that position require access to the special materials. The billets need not be re-justified when an incumbent is replaced. In all cases the billet remains fixed although the incumbents may change.

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4. I suggest we proceed first to complete the immediate arrangements necessary to consolidate and insure effective access for the 58 positions authorized at this time. This will provide the basis for expeditious consideration of additional billets for your Agency as specific needs arise and are identified to us. To this end, we will need from you an outline of your proposed overall billet structure. This should include your allocation of the presently authorized billets as well as a general outline of projected needs--indicating for each billet the position and function to which it has been or would be assigned.

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5. [] can provide you further details on the desired format and data for this outline. He will also assist in assuring that your Security and Control Officers have a full understanding of the security regulations applicable for the compartmented materials and can advise you in setting up and administering the necessary procedures and safeguards.

Sincerely yours,

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